



## WILL HE SIGN IT?

**Mayor Noonan's Probable Action  
On the Gas Bill the Absorbing Topic of Interest.**

**Col. Flad Replies to Judge Laughlin's Criticism of His Estimates.**

**The Mayor Talks About the Bill and Tells Why He Does Not Consent the City Counsellor and President of the Board of Public Improvements—President McMillan's Brief in Behalf of the Laclede Co.—Judge Laughlin Presses the Position of the Promoters—Gas Stocks Tumbling—Laclede Securities Drop This Afternoon—Some Holders Anticipate That the Mayor Will Sign the Bill.**



HE probable action of the Mayor upon the all-absorbing topic of the gas bill creating a great deal of interest and a great deal of calculating is being done on the subject. No one so far has been found who has a positive opinion concerning the Mayor's probable action, but many are at hand, who will gladly make deductions to prove their views of the case. One peculiar circumstance which is creating a little comment is that the Mayor has not referred to City Counselor Bell nor President Flad in the case at all. It has been his custom whenever a bill involving any legal points came up before him to request an opinion from the City Counselor so as to have the city's legal representative in the case, and whenever there is any engineering point involved to call upon Col. Flad. In this case he has asked neither of these gentlemen for his opinion. The Council, however, thought it advisable to hear both of them, but the Mayor has not. He has no official knowledge of their opinions, and all he knows concerning the views has been obtained indirectly. Whether or not he will call upon them remains to be seen. This fact is brought forward by the opposition in an argument to show that the Mayor will not sign the bill, because if he intended to sign it he would be likely to put himself in the position of being accused of action similar to that of the Council and having the charge brought that he was not a good man, and that the opinions of the Council were not the official opinions of the city.

To-day he heard no opinions publicly and did not get to his office until after 12 o'clock. At the time of McMillin's announcement public during the morning. It is an argument of some length based upon the idea that it would be unwise to allow another corporation to have a monopoly of gas, and that an increase in price would be the result. Mr. McMillin gives the history of the gas business in St. Louis and comparative statements of that of other cities.

**WILL NOT DECIDE TO-DAY.**  
The Mayor was seen and asked if he would be likely to sign the bill if it was introduced for him. He replied that he could not, but he had until next Thursday in which to decide, and he had not as yet read the bills presented to him. He said he had no knowledge of what he said that no decision would be arrived at this afternoon, and probably not before Monday. When asked if he intended to call upon Col. Flad, he said he had not. Col. Flad said it depended entirely upon the bill whether or not he struck anything in it too complicated for him to handle alone.

"Will you hear any more arguments?" was asked.

"No; I have heard all I want to hear, and have had the arguments written, so that I can read them again."

**COL. FLAD'S REJOINDER.**  
President Flad of the Board of Public Improvements made yesterday a statement before Judge Henry D. Laughlin in his argument before the Mayor, and as an argument in favor of the gas bill made his attack upon Col. Flad. Judge Laughlin, however, said that Col. Flad was wrong in his estimates and had made up his mind in advance that the bill was not a good one and that he had tried to prove it to the Mayor.

Col. Flad said this morning:

"The attack of Mr. Laughlin upon me is a very cuttishe sort of a procedure. He tried to make out that he had the bill introduced from the main issue by centering it upon me and making me out wrong. If Mr. Laughlin could prove to his own satisfaction a dozen cases in which I was wrong, I would not prove to any one that the bill he is interested in is right. His attack upon me was one of the methods he used to keep the attention of the public. His arguments were all wrong. I was in my figures, and his insinuation in the matter of my letter to Mr. Davis of the Water Dept. was simply not true. I wrote the letter to Mr. Davis to learn just what I asked about. I wanted figures on water rates, and he gave me them. I then did the same thing. I was a member of the gas commission. He says further that I favored accepting the proposition of the Laclede Co. to have their works in the city for 6 per cent on \$3,000,000; there he again shows he does not know what he is talking about. The proceedings of the commission in the matter of water rates can prove that I was one of the first to say that the Laclede company proposition should not be considered for an instant, as to the subjects of water rates, the gas bill will stick to every one of them. I do not desire to enter into any controversy, as the subjects Judge Laughlin raised are not the subjects of the gas bill at issue. I will simply say that I stick to everything I said in my report on the bill and that Mr. Laughlin does not know what he is talking about."

**MR. STONE'S INVESTIGATION.**  
Delegat Stone was seen this morning and asked what he thought of the arguments presented by Col. Flad. He said he did not discuss them, but said that Mr. Eates had made some very queer statements and that his arithmetic was somewhat off the track at the time he was in the gas investigation he was conducting:

"We will not meet again until Monday. We want to have Mr. McMillin before us, but he is not very busy, so we could not hear him to-day."

"What do you expect to show by your researches?"

"We hope to show that the Laclede company has forfeited the franchise and that there is a trust."

"You believe now that the city cannot regulate the price of gas?"

"Well, I do not like to say so, but under the present condition of affairs, it doesn't seem to me that we have to develop facts which will put the city in a position to regulate matters. I think that the Carondelet Co. will soon play an important part in gas business."

On the gas bill, Mr. Stone said he did not care whether the Mayor vetoed it or not.

**UNFAIRNESS AND IMPEDIMENTA.**  
Mr. McMillan, former of the Assembly, to-day said: "The appearance of Shaw and Clifton before the Mayor in the gas matter represents the whole of the case. The only element of the labor element was a ploy of impudence. They were not authorized to represent any labor organization. Clifton has been a member of the Knights of Labor, but the expulsion has been ratified by the highest court to which it can be appealed. Neither Shaw nor Clifton would be compensated in any way, but they were allowed to appear there as the representatives of any workingmen's organization. It was the greatest impudence."

Mr. Frank M. Eates, who represents the projectors, said to-day that there was a misconception of Col. Flad's report; that the Col. Flad's report that the works would cost \$2,000,000, but \$3,000,000, and that the city stood a chance of being mulcted out of \$1,000."

so in the items of tools, machinery, etc. If the plant is to be complete, as provided in the bill, before being turned over to the city, how, asked Mr. Eates, could the city have to pay for any of these things? A bill had been introduced in the Legislature which had been offered to the city for \$3,000,000, with an additional \$1,000,000 to be paid for extension of pipe line, \$4,000,000 in all. Col. Flad had recommended that the city should accept that offer—would not a complete new plant, with 50 per cent greater capacity and all modern improvements, cost \$4,000,000? Speaking of the fear that the promoters would make millions and millions out of the enterprise, Mr. Eates said there was no \$1,000,000 profit in it, and that for the 5 per cent "steel," he would like to know which was the greater—3 per cent on \$4,000,000, or 13 per cent on \$3,000,000? The 13 per cent which the citizens are to pay. Of that debt \$10,000,000 bears 5 per cent, and \$10,000,000 8 per cent interest, and the consumers of gas have to pay the 8 per cent.

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**A GAS MAN'S VIEWS.**

President McMillin of the Laclede Co. submitted to Mayor Noonan a written report in his behalf, in opposition to the new bill and pointing out some of the results which must follow if the bill becomes a law. The brief begins with the statement of the reasons why the bill should not be signed:

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## BACKING BREWER.

## SENATOR WEST STRONGLY ADVOCATES HIS CONFIRMATION.

The Reasons Assigned for His Position—Judicial Acts for Which the Appointed Deserves Credit—The President's Party-American Historical Association—Missourians at the Capital.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—One of the strongest advocates of Judge Brewer as a man of integrity and fairness is Senator West. The Senator, in speaking of the numerous criticisms made of the Judge, thought it would be a strange case when a decision could be made on the bench without antagonism.

The Kansas Senator, in defense of Judge Brewer, originated a feeling against him on the part of the Prohibitionists and the antipathy of the Arkansas Senators to his confirmation was agreeable to the sentiment of the people of that State, growing out of a decision made by the Judge which was not in strict conformity to their ideas.

As to the Wabash Railroad receivership, the orders in case were the result of Judge Treat's efforts after a review of the application. The Senator referred to the appointing of deputy marshals at the St. Louis election in 1885, when each and every deputy was selected after a personal investigation of their character by the court, giving an equal division of the property.

Dr. Sidney Cunningham, late disbursing officer of the Clerk's office in the House of Representatives, will leave for his home in Howard County, Mo., this evening.

Maj. D. Walker Wear is in charge of St. Louis' World's Fair headquarters.

Gen. Shield received another lot of endorsements from the West this morning supporting him for Justice of the Eighth District.

In the interests of Chief Clerk, May of the Bureau of Statistics Maj. Brock is performing double duty as chief.

Missing Pay-Clerk Jones.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Nothing has yet been heard of the whereabouts of Pay-clerk Jones, of the Marine corps, who disappeared Christmas night. He had been running a short time in his accounts, but Maj. Goodloe, the paymaster of the corps, says that he has no knowledge of any deficiency. The weekly statement of the paymaster to the Postmaster General, however, shows that the Postmaster-General, although these accounts have been rendered every Saturday and have always been correct, there was never any account of money deposited with the Treasury or its branches. The last statement showed a cash balance of only \$3.

American Historical Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The sixth annual meeting of the American Historical Association was begun in the lecture room of the National Museum this morning. President Adams called the meeting to order at 10:30 and introduced the first speaker, Prof. George L. Burr of Cornell University, who delivered an address on the literature of witchcraft.

The Presidential Party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Word has been received at the White House that the President and party will arrive in Washington at 11 o'clock to-night by rail from Richmond.

**YOU CAN WIN IT** One of the four prizes in the World's Fair Guessing Contest in the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH. Read of them to-morrow.

REAL ESTATE.

A Quiet Holiday Business—Windsor Place—Rebuilding at Third and Locust.

The demand for property during this month has been far greater than was ever known before during December, but now that holiday week is here there is very little buying and selling going on. Agents generally are taking things quietly. They are not making any effort to make sales, but, as one of the fraternity remarked to-day, "They are taking advantage of the time and resources for the spring campaign." The time is always looked upon as the most favorable season for dealing in real estate and the business are accordingly predicting a good business at that period. Even now

some of the leading speculators and operators are looking about for the best of ground and the price they are talking of buying want to buy the vacant space with flats and first-class dwellings.

A WINDSOR PLACE PURCHASE.

To-day Mr. C. C. Nichols reports the sale of a Windsor place lot at \$48 a foot. Mr. Henry a well-known real estate man, who has a depth of 55 feet by a depth of 140, on the north side of the place, between Alphonse and Vandevenne avenues. Mr. Isaac N. Miller was the grantor.

PREPARING TO BUILD AGAIN.

The insurance losses on the Hoyte Building at the southwest corner of Third and Locust are being figured to find out what amount of money will have to be paid. A well-posed architect says that until the building will remain undisturbed. He thinks, though, that a definite conclusion will be reached in a few days and that Mr. Hoyte will proceed to rebuild. It is not likely, however, that the new building will be built so high as the one destroyed by fire. It has been said Mr. Hoyte will build a structure of a somewhat similar and somewhat higher than that is not adapted to the locality. The corner where the old saloon stood will most likely be taken in with the new building.

A PROSPECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Samuel Bowring, secretary of the Mutual Benefit Savings' Fund Building & Loan Association, has been elected a member of that institution and has been taken and series No. 2, which is now being organized, will hold an election of officers about the middle of next month.

A NEW REAL ESTATE CO.

The McLaren Real Estate & Investment Co. was organized yesterday by the election of the officers. President, T. C. De Forest; Vice-President, R. L. McLaren; Secretary and Treasurer, C. H. Sawyer; directors, A. E. Shapleigh, Charles Clark, James E. Hayes, Charles Hamilton, M. F. Taylor, Herman Hess.

This company has a paid up capital stock of \$50,000 and the object is to buy up real property in the line of the Wabash Railway, in St. Louis County.

MISCELLANEOUS SALES.

Mr. George Shields' Model, foot lot on the south side of Nashville in Clifton Heights for \$400. Mr. John F. Storm was the buyer.

A farm of 182 acres, belonging to the heirs of Henry Blakesley, was sold by Adam Boeck & Co. for \$1,400 to Mr. John F. Frederic.

The property is located on the south side of the town of Averley the flats and premises fronting 412 feet on Nos. 3231 and 3232 Laclede avenue, for \$6,400, to Mr. G. A. Whitmer. The apartment rent for \$1,200 per annum.

**READ THE RULES** Your guess may be rejected if you do not see the World's Fair Guessing Contest in to-morrow's SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.

Carondelet Jottings.

E. F. French of Fort Scott, Kan., is visiting friends here.

The East Carondelet Dramatic Club will give an entertainment this evening at the Town Hall.

Rev. H. A. Slaughter, pastor of the Carondelet Baptist Church, will hold special services Sunday morning and evening. "Paul's Shipwreck Off the Coast of Malta" will be his theme in the morning. A large full-rigged

ship floating among the icebergs will be placed back of the pulpit for the occasion. In the evening he will preach on the "Last Things."

The Club Club gave a full-dress ball last evening at the Germania Hall in compliment to a number of its friends.

Miss Gandy, a negro who cut Wash

Forbes on the head with a beer glass yesterday, was arrested late last evening near the barracks. This morning he will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace, but Forbes was unable to be present and the case was continued.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1889.

## AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—"Held by the Enemy." OLYMPIC.—"Paul Kauvar." PEOPLE'S.—"My Aunt Bridget." STANDARD.—"For Sweet Charity's Sake." STANDARD—Hente-Santley Novelty Co. MATINEES TO-MORROW. PEOPLE'S.—"The Fairies' Well." POPE'S—Patti Ross. STANDARD—Hente-Santley Novelty Co.

Weather forecast for twenty-four hours, beginning at 8 a. m. to-day, for Missouri: Rain; warmer; south-westerly winds.

Weather forecast for twenty-four hours, beginning at 8 a. m. to-day, for St. Louis: Fair, followed by rain; warmer.

It does not reflect credit on Mayor Noonan that there is a doubt of his vetoing the gas steal. But this will not count against him if he discounts the doubt by veto.

The news that there are 25,000 cases of Russian influenza in and around Boston will surprise no one. Boston always does take the latest "fads" and new-fangled imported things.

POSTMASTER - GENERAL WANAMAKER speaks with knowledge of the profitable nature of the investment when he said at the Philadelphia New England dinner, "Put your money into elections."

The banner business year for St. Louis will close next Tuesday and the banner business year for St. Louis will open next Wednesday. The business boom of this city is still in its infancy and it is growing rapidly.

THE PROSPECT of the early settlement of the location of the World's Fair after the holidays increases the interest in the guessing contest of the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH. The coupons in to-morrow's issue will give guessers another chance at the prizes.

THE office of inspector of gas, gas meters and pressure, which is now vacant, might be made worth the salary attached to it if it were efficiently filled. Under the present system of giving the corporation gas meter full swing and the gas companies liberty to do what they please, gas consumers are being gouged unmercifully.

"WITH Republican ascendancy the 'North' gets fifty chairmanships and the 'South' none of any importance," says the Indianapolis Journal. Will it now please to tell us how many of these chairmanships are given to the railroads, to the subsidy-seeking steamship companies and to the trusts and tariff barons rather than to the people of any section?

THE Chicago newspapers are scolding the World's Fair Committee for "belittling" St. Louis and "nagging" New York. The committee certainly made a fatal blunder in "belittling" the strongest opponent for the Fair. Chicago has and as to "nagging" New York the result of that will be simply to increase the vote of Congress in favor of St. Louis almost to unanimity when the final decision is reached.

THERE is no inherent improbability in STEVE ELKINS' statement that BLAINE is pleased rather than mortified by the President's frequent rejection of his nominations for consular appointments. Those rejections enable Mr. BLAINE to make every little office go a long way in making grateful friends for himself, while every

rejection by the President makes an enemy for HARRISON. It is possible that Mr. BLAINE likes the way it works so well that he would sometimes be rather disappointed by a failure of the President to reject the names he sends in.

## SECRET POLITICAL CLUBS.

Referring to the discovery of a secret society of Democratic politicians in Chicago the *Herald* of that city remarks that it "proves that the citizens' movement did not come a day too soon. There can be no excuse for the existence of a secret political organization of any sort in this country; but when such a society assumes to act in the name of Democracy it becomes something worse than a blunder and akin to a crime. Democracy is opposed to all such devices. Democracy thrives as they languish. Democracy cannot exist where they flourish."

The Democracy of Chicago is evidently just passing through the bitter experience which nearly wrecked the Democracy of St. Louis. There is but one aim of politicians and, therefore, a secret society of politicians can have only one object and that is the grabbing of all the spoils which can be grabbed. It is invariably a combine formed for the purpose of securing the offices. The history of the Hendricks Association is a fair illustration of all organizations of a similar nature. It was a club of office-holders and office-seekers, the members being bound by oaths of secrecy and allegiance to each other in the common interest of securing public office. It was one of the elements which contributed in large measure to the defeat of Democracy here. So the "Stranglers" of Cincinnati nearly strangled the Republican party there.

But in addition to saying that Democracy, or in fact any American political party, languishes under such conditions and thrives when they are absent, the *Herald* might have added that these political combines thrive only in secrecy. Publicity is death to them. They cannot operate successfully except when the people are ignorant of their real purposes. The Hendricks Association became an impossibility as a spoils club when the POST-DISPATCH exposed its membership, aims, methods and the grip it had upon the offices. The Stranglers of Cincinnati were defeated by exposure. The Chicago *Herald* has the means of removing the obstruction to Democratic success which it has discovered. Expose it thoroughly and the Democratic voters will do the rest. This is one of the high missions of the independent press.

## THE "AH CHOO" EPIDEMIC.

The Russian influenza which has swept Europe and is swooping down on America severely puzzles the medical scientists. They are searching earnestly among disease germs, bacilli and atmospheric conditions for the cause of it.

Of course no one can doubt that there is such a disease. The cable has described its effects on certain distinguished persons. A New York WORLD reporter who was sent out to investigate it, like a good journalist caught it and brought back the evidence of its existence in his own irresistible tendency to sneeze.

But why look among bacilli and such things for the cause of the affection? It is not possible that it is not a disease in itself, but an affection of the nose and head which is in part sympathetic, arising from the influence of the mind on the body and in part chronic, induced by an habitual derangement of the sneezing muscles? In other words, may it not be the physical manifestation of an intellectual "fad," the logical consequence of the rage for Russian literature?

It is well known that many Russian words and nearly all Russian names are in pronunciation the combination of several sneezes and a cough. The differences in the words are denoted by the number of sneezes. So those persons who are addicted to the Russian "cult," having their minds constantly in a sneezing condition and their nasal organs constantly deranged by an attempt to sneeze, finally fall into a physical state of influenza. Their heads also have a large, studded feeling, as in case of severe cold.

Thus the Russian influenza is probably due entirely to the influence of TOLSTOY, DOSTOIEVSKY, GOGOL, VERESTCHAGIN, KRAZOTIN and GEORGE KENNAN's articles about Siberian exile on the nervous system and the sneezing muscles. Perhaps nature is having her revenge and is playing a satirical game on the Russo-maniacs who delight to "ah choo" as a pastime by making them "ah choo" in earnest and turning their Russian jabber into sneezing spasms.

## FAST MAIL FOR THE WEST.

A rumor that the postal department thinks of putting on a fast mail train for the Southwest to connect at Kansas City with the fast train which reaches that city from St. Louis at 11 a. m., evokes a protest from the Kansas City Journal, which says:

"Now, that is just what Kansas City doesn't want and won't tolerate—to have St. Louis merchants put on a par in the matter of correspondence with Kansas City merchants in Kansas City's territory. The fast mail train which this city wants is one leaving early in the morning, long before the arrival of the Eastern mail. The Postmaster-General's article is a business man, and he can appreciate Kansas City's position. To hold Kansas City's mail until the arrival of the mail from her economic rival is gross injustice."

The fast mail train from St. Louis connects with the fast mail from the East. It is run to expedite the through mail for the benefit of the country at large. But Kansas City demands that the through connection shall be broken for her benefit,

and the through mails stopped there till next day in order that a fast mail may be run for the exclusive benefit of one city.

The Kansas City idea of forcing all railroads to break bulk and transfer freights there for her benefit is a village idea, and the postal department will hardly apply it to the mail service and force the whole Southern country to wait ten or twelve hours for its Eastern mail in order that one town may enjoy the imaginary benefit of sending out its mails that much

earlier on members of the last Missouri Legislature, who took bribes from the beef combine against the passage of the live-stock inspection bill while it was before the Senate.

## It Looks That Way.

From the New York WORLD.

For seven hours not a single subscription to the World's Fair Guarantee Fund was recorded by the Chamber of Commerce in this city. Does this mean that we have reached the end of our financial string?

## MEN OF MARK.

The Americans in London will dine Stanley.

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DEACON RICHARD SMITH, the partner of MURAT HALSTED, believes in the election of United States Senators by the people.

BARON HAUSMANN, in his 70th year, is to write his memoirs. He was one of the most active members of Napoleon III's surroundings.

ELDER HENRY PREBLE, an aged itinerant preacher of Waterville, Me., in the prosecution of his calling has traveled 90,000 miles by team.

MARIE TWAIN is reported to be growing indolent with his advancing years. He retires early to bed and never breakfasts before 10 o'clock.

MR. BOUCIAULX expresses the opinion that in making plays the writing of the dialogue is a matter of small importance. The tank's

KING KALAWATA of the Sandwich Islands is a handsome man, round and well-proportioned, nearly 6 feet in height and nearly 300 pounds in weight.

THE Rev. WILSON MARIE SMITH, the famous pitcher of the Princeton Base Ball Club in '77, has become pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York.

THE Rev. LESTER L. POTTER of Hartford, Conn., has won a prize of \$400 for the best translation into English verse of the "Prometheus" of *Eschylus*.

SECRETARY WINDOM, in the estimation of the Austin (Minn.) Register, is the man at whom the finger of destiny seems to point as the Republican presidential candidate in 1892.

THOMAS G. SHARPEY of New York has offered through the American Economic Association a prize of \$500 for the best essay on "State and Local Taxation of Property in the United States."

THE Rev. ROBERT COLLYER, who began life as a blacksmith and is now one of the most popular living preachers, has just entered his 67th year. "I have never been sick as much as one day in my life," he says.

A ONCE prominent politician, whom the world has almost forgotten, is ex-Senator G. W. Fitch of Indiana. He lives in an old stone mansion in Logansport. He is 80 years old, and up to last year was actively practicing his profession of physician.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

MRS. HENRY WARD BREWER has entirely recovered.

MRS. MARIE VAN ZANDT says that she took her earliest lessons from the singing-birds that were kept in cages in her parents' home.

MRS. FLORENCE CONGER, the only daughter of the Michigan ex-Senator, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Census Bureau at Washington.

DR. OLGA NEWMAN, one of the many bright women in Sorosis, a dentist by profession, hires female assistants, all of them young, pretty, and earnest.

THE Queen's Ladies-in-Waiting are beginning to murmur about a dress grievance. They only receive \$300, and are expected to appear in a new costume at every dinner.

MRS. VALENTINE EIFFEL, daughter of the constructor of the Eiffel Tower, will shortly be married to M. Piccioli, a Corsican gentleman who is a clerk in the Foreign Office at Paris.

THE two principal prizes in landscapes given to the Royal Academy students have been taken by women, and a third female student carried off a prize of \$500 for a decorative design in water color.

ANNA TERESA BROOK, the leading woman concertist of the world, is now performing in London. At her lodgings she has a small room fitted up with padded walls and ceiling and draped doors, and there she practices night and day on the gold and silver ornate harps that have been presented to her by her admirers.

MRS. S. S. COX owns several houses in Washington. Mrs. Cox looks after her property herself and has the reputation of being a good business woman. She is believed to be engaged upon a memorial biography of her husband, whom she accompanied in all his travels and aided in his literary work.

Robbed by Masked Men.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 28.—Three masked men visited the house of A. J. Jones, a prominent business man, Thursday night and, with a loud rap, brought Mr. Jones to the door, where he was covered with a revolver by one of the men and the other seized his pocketbook. Leaving Mr. Jones at the door, looking down the barrel of their companion's weapon, the robbers went about the house and took the sole seamstress cloak, which contained \$300. The men came out, bade Mr. Jones good night and escaped in the darkness. The police were notified, but have no clew to the robbers.

Arrested for Highway Robbery.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—C. Hall and Max Nold were arrested yesterday night on the charge of highway robbery. At the time they were preparing to waylay the driver of a freight wagon, one of them was found to have a revolver taken from C. E. Dorem, when he was assaulted by footpads sometime since.

Merry Christmas.

From the New York WORLD.

Somebody who is evidently interested in Mr. Cleveland's candidacy for the Presidency in 1892 is sending out a circular containing Mr. James Russell Lowell's opinion of the ex-President. It is in the form of a poetic communication sent to the Merchants' Association of Boston at the recent banquet. The letter, it is claimed, was not read at the ban-

quet.

ELWOOD, CAMDEN, Mass., Dec. 10, 1889.

DEAR MR. QUINCY—I regret very much that I cannot have the pleasure of joining you in paying respect to a man so worthy of it as Mr. Cleveland.

Let who has felt compute the strain

of such a weighty, the heaviest pain

of seeing best friends go wrong.

We who look on with critical eyes,

Exempt from action's cruel test,

Human ourselves, at least are wise

In honoring one who did his best.

Faithfully yours,

J. R. LOWELL.

Un-American.

From the New York WORLD.

In its attitude of hostility to the republican movement in Brazil, the Administration has the cordial support of all the who would be aristocrats in the country, and all the Plutarco's who have grown rich by practicing the arts of the hawk and the vulture in South American trade. These classes wish ill to the new Republic, and their newspaper representatives reflect their temper.

All generous, liberty-loving Americans who believe in the equal rights of men and the righteousness of popular self-government are filled with indignation and shame at the un-American attitude of the Administration, which directly contradicts all American precedents and affronts American manhood.

Down on Hoodlumism.

From the Ledger Herald.

The St. Louis POST-DISPATCH is down on "hoodlumism" wherever it may be found, and has stirred up a sensation by published artic-

les on members of the last Missouri Legislature, who took bribes from the beef combine against the passage of the live-stock inspection bill while it was before the Senate.

HEAVILY IN DEBT.

THE COLD ACCOUNT OF YEAR 1889 TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY DEGS. SHORT.

Signs and Prophecies on the Winter That Were Far at Sea—The Warmest December on Record—Probabilities as to January—A Chance for the Redemption of Some Promises.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Temple Israel, cor. Pine and Twenty-first Streets, services at 7:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sabbath. Subject: "What It Is to Be a Jew." All are welcome. Seats free.

First Congregational Church, Delmar, services at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Sunday-school immediately after morning service.

Central Evangelical Church (underground), 12th and Locust, services at 10 a.m. on Sunday evenings. Preaching service every Sunday evening 7:45 p.m. Young people's meeting 7:45 p.m. pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnson.

Elgin Congregational Church, corner Washington and Ewing, Rev. George A. Johnson, D. D., pastor, services at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Sunday-school at 12 m. Young people's meeting of the Society of Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnson.

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North Presbyterian Church, corner 11th and Chambers Sts., Rev. Marcus G. Storn, pastor. Services at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Sunday-school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Society of Christian Endeavor meets every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

St. Mark's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11th and Locust, services at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Rhodes, D. D., pastor. Services at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Sunday-school at 12 m. Young people's meeting of the Society of Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnson.

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